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22 killed in UK bomb blast

The explosion took place at a music concert

Manchester (England), May 23- At least 22 people were killed and about 59 others were injured in what British Prime Minister Theresa May called "an appalling attack" after an Ariana Grande concert on Monday night at Manchester Arena in England, authorities said.

Greater Manchester Police said the incident was being treated as terrorism. Police said the explosion took place outside the Arena, which is near the Manchester Victoria transit station, as the concert ended at about 10.35 pm (local time), catching people as they exited.

Ian Hopkins, Chief Constable of the Greater Manchester Police, said investigators were coordinating with British intelligence. "This is clearly a very concerning time for everyone," he said at a brief news conference early this morning. At a later press conference today, Hopkins said that Police believe the attack was carried out by one man who had an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and who also died in the bombing. He added that children were among those killed in the blast.

Police and other emergency services were seen near the Manchester Arena after reports of an explosion. Police have confirmed they are responding to an incident during an Ariana Grande concert at the venue.

Mysuru-Hubballi Daily Express to be flagged off this evening

Mysuru, May 23 (RK&BNR)- The newly-introduced train from Mysuru to Hubballi via Bengaluru, which was scheduled to be launched by the South Western Railway (SWR) 10 days ago, will finally be flagged off today.

The new train, Train No. 17325/17326 Hubballi-Mysuru-Hubballi (via Bengaluru) Daily Express, will be flagged off from Platform No.6 of City Railway Station at 3 pm today by Union Railway Minister Suresh Prabhakar Prabhu, through video link from Rail Bhavan, New Delhi.

The regular service of this train from Mysuru will begin tomorrow (May 24) at 6.15 am.

(See EXPRESS on page 8)

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By Satish Acharya

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Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.
Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd May 2017

Romance with rain

The land's people, both the scholarly sections and the unlettered, are known to have had an intimate connect with *divinity* as well as *nature*, going by their abundantly available and well-preserved lyrics, verses and prose, marked by literary elegance and refinement. Juxtaposed to their *lines* exemplifying their unalloyed faith in divinity and trust in nature, both in praise and unbounded gratefulness for the bounty showered on all life-forms (humans, animals and plants), is the *verbal diarrhoea* of self-appointed leaders in society, mere vote-seekers, talking mindlessly and ridiculing faiths and beliefs of common people. The fervent prayers of the land's ancient people can be summarised in a simple *shanthi mantra* invoking God to be kind and gracious with *timely rains* for lush greenery so that people can live in comfort.

The time-endured water cycle, familiar to even primary school-going kids, has just got fragile with vast stretches of water bodies such as lakes in both urban spaces and in the vicinity of agricultural fields *made to go dry* for raising brick and mortar structures for housing, roads and industry, amounting to vandalising gifts of nature by both stock-holders and stake-holders.

Time and again the *forecasts* about rain, its precisely happening dates, closeness to *normal* amounts in different regions (whatever the term *normal* may mean), beginning of monsoon season and its ending (categorised as South-West and North-East, as well as pre-monsoon and post-monsoon), being disclosed by the Meteorology Department of the government, has left the farmers high and dry. Laughably enough, as it has been happening during the past two or three years, whenever the department has done its routine forecasting, Rain God has been having the last laugh. In short, the farming fraternity is better off with their own rudimentary knowledge about rain and the seasons that bring timely rains, that has served them for centuries long.

Good Samaritans of Mysuru, a fraternity that the functionaries in administration have shown scant respect to, have been sounding alerts about romancing with rain as it were by practicing *a)* Rain Water Harvesting (RWH) in urban open spaces and residences and *b)* Avoidance of indiscriminate *sucking* of ground water by sinking borewells, leaving RWH as a slogan and sending water table beyond 1000 feet. Only Rain God should shower mercy and save life forms.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

'FOREIGN' OBSESSION IN SCIENCE: *It seems the Make in India and Buy in India mantra has escaped academic institutions. A senior scientist said researchers in India still wanted foreign instruments, even if better quality, locally produced ones were available. "Everyone thinks only consumer goods buyers are obsessed with foreign-made products; even academics fall for the trap," said the scientist. A local testing equipment player was on the verge of slipping into red despite offering superior products because professors preferred multinational brands, added the scientist.*

— In Business Standard.

NEWS SPARKLERS

Cash for weight loss

Xian: Wang Xuebao, the head of a investment consulting firm in Xian City, China, recently made international news headlines after he set up a cash reward system to motivate his employees to lose weight.

The employees of Xian Jingtian Investment Consulting in Xian, China's Shaanxi Province, have the opportunity to earn 100 yuan ($15) for every kilogram of body weight they lose, as part of a reward system implemented by their boss. Wang Xuebao came up with the idea after realizing that both he and his staff were spending most of their time behind a desk and weren't moving around enough. That, coupled with an unhealthy diet had caused many of them to put on excess weight. Talking to media Wang said "Through this weight-loss activity, launched in March, the monthly reward program has successfully motivated over half of Xian Jingtian employees to lose weight. They've started eating healthier and doing gym as often as they can, for the chance to collect their monthly cash bonuses.

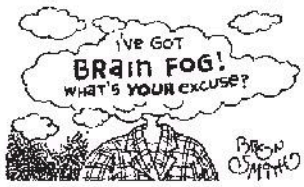
Dragon's Breath

London: When Welsh fruit grower Mike Smith set out to create a novelty chili pepper for a national grower's show, he had no idea he would accidentally end up with the world's hottest pepper. Called *Dragon's Breath* – a tribute to its Welsh heritage – the record-breaking pepper scores a whopping 2.48 million units on the Scoville scale of hotness.

Intended to be a tiny thing of beauty, the *Dragon's Breath* pepper turned out to be a sensory beast that can't really be consumed unless you're willing to put your life at risk. The previous world's hottest pepper was rated at a maximum 2.2 million units. Dragon's Breath blows them with an impressive rating of 2.48 million Scovilles. Experts believe that attempting to chew and swallow just one of these harmless-looking peppers would put a person at risk of death from anaphylactic shock. Mike Smith, who created the Dragon's Breath pepper with the help of researchers at Nottingham Trent University, says he hasn't tried to eat one, because he tested on the tip of his tongue and found it unbearable.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What can I do to boost my memory?



To keep your memory strong: Take a 45-to 90-minute daily nap. Have 1 or 2 drinks per day, but not more. Take up an artistic hobby and boost your memory by 73%. A Georgia tech study showed that 20 minutes of exercise can improve memory by 10%.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

New team for CSI, Mysore Chapter

Seen are (from left) M.V. Veerander Kumar, Aruna Devi, K.A. Anitha Venkatesh, Rampur Srinath and S. Ranganath.

Mysuru, May 23 - The following are the new Executive Committee members of Computer Society of India (CSI), Mysore Chapter:

K.A. Anitha Venkatesh - Chairperson; M.V.Veerander Kumar-Vice-Chairman; Aruna Devi - Hon. Secretary; S. Ranganath - Treasurer and Rampur Srinath - Immediate Past Chairman.

Computer Society of India with its headquarters in Mumbai is India's largest and most professionally managed association of Computer and IT Student/Professionals with more than 1,00,000 members. With 7 Regions, the Society has more than 72 Chapters and 600 Student Branches across the country.

The objectives of CSI are Recognition and Visibility, Knowledge Enhancement, Talent Development, CSI Publications, Networking opportunities and Access to Industry.

Pratibha Puraskar

Mysuru, May 23 - Karnataka Rajya Nayakara Hitharakshana Vedike has invited applications from Nayaka community students, who have secured 80% and above marks in SSLC and PUC, to receive Pratibha Puraskar. Eligible students may send their applications along with Xerox copy of their marks card, caste certificate and recent photograph to Vedike office, opposite Jaganmohan Palace, Mysuru, before June 10. For details, contact Mob: 97401-66036 or 94485-54288 or 77957-61929.

Really...?

- ***Congo the chimp was a famous abstract painter in the 1950s who sold paintings to Picasso, Dali and others for up to US $ 26,000.***
- ***The world average of the amount of meat eaten per year is: 173 lbs per person.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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VOICE OF THE READER

More on Lord Narasimha

Sir,

Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy's article titled ***"The Cult of Lord Narasimha"*** *(SOM* dated May 20) was highly illuminating.

Mysuru's three Narasimha temples can be interestingly traced to Melukote, the temple town nearby. The first temple on Ramavilas Road is managed by Ahobila Mutt. The founder of the Mutt is from Melukote who on divine vision established the Mutt at Ahobilam in Andhra Pradesh on a chain of hills forming Srishailam (Sri Mallikarjuna temple) and Tirumala (Sri Venkateshwara temple). The Yoga Narasimhaswamy temple of Prof. Bhashyam Swamy in Vijayanagar is a replica of Melukote temple. The Lakshminarasimha temple is established and managed by Yatiraja Mutt of Melukote.

Narasimha temples existed in Karnataka at Melukote, Saligrama and Tondanur visited by Ramanuja. Annamacharya's copper inscriptions were located at Ahobilam later. He was a disciple of the Mutt.

—G.T. Sampathkumarachar
Tonachikoppal
22.5.2017

Risky rides on city roads!

Sir,

This photo taken recently clearly indicates that the two-wheeler rider violated lane discipline by riding on the other side of the road divider (cement barricade) at AIISH Circle on Bogadi road.

When red signal was on for him, instead of stopping behind the already waiting vehicles on the left side of this divider, he came forward like this risking his life and pushing the driver of the bus ahead, which was coming from TK Layout side, into trouble and stopped on the zebra crossing for a moment and jumped the red signal, as he could not wait, thus violating another traffic rule.

It has become very common even for four-wheelers or autos and sometimes heavy vehicles to move like this on city roads. There is no concern for road safety and traffic rules. If something untoward happens, either he has to suffer for entire life or the family has to suffer for the loss of their beloved one. If it is urgent to reach the destination, it is better to start early and have patience while on the road, to avoid such violations and the risk associated with it.

— Vijay
Mysuru 20.5.2017

Put an end to stray dog menace

Sir,

There seems to be no end to the ever-growing stray dog menace in city as it has become a regular problem on 2nd Cross, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla.

Firstly, they attack any speeding two-wheeler riders or cyclist or four-wheeler drivers post 8pm and worst of all they howl so much in the middle of the night which disturbs our sleep. Considering there are a majority of elderly people with health issues, infants and small children it is really annoying. It's not just 1 or 2 dogs to ignore, there are a pack of 6-7 dogs creating terror in the area daily. I request the authorities concerned to put an end to this menace at the earliest.

—Sheeba
Mysuru
20.5.2017

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Workshop on Prevention of Sexual Harassment of Women at workplace held

S.N. Murthy, Senior Advocate and Management Consultant, is seen lighting the lamp as Arjun Ranga, Chairman, CII Mysuru; S. G. Karuna, Advocate and Consultant – POSH; S. N. Gopinath, Past Chairman, NIPM Karnataka; S. M. Jayaprakash, Chairman, NIPM Mysuru and K. Anantha Gowda, Convenor, HR Panel, CII Mysuru, look on.

Mysuru, May 23- CII Mysuru Chairman Arjun Ranga regretted that our social ethos does not provide enough security to women, which is the biggest cultural failure in the country.

He was speaking after inaugurating a workshop on 'Prevention of Sexual Harassment (POSH) of Women at Workplace,' jointly organised by CII Mysuru and NIPM Mysuru Chapter, here recently and said, "According to a recent survey on sexual harassment in India which involved around 6000 participants, only about 45 victims came forward to speak about their issues, and the survey revealed that about 30 percent of the Indian workforce has been facing this issue."

"However, the same survey also seems to have revealed that most of the victims of sexual harassment at their respective workplaces didn't even complain; many quit the organisation that they worked with. This is very shocking as it is a sad affair taking place in almost all the firms across the globe. It is hence important for an organisation to ensure the safety of its women employees with great care and encourage them to bravely face the issue," he said.

Senior advocate and management consultant S. N. Murthy speaking on 'Overview of the Legislation and Corporate Challenges' said, "From the bygone times to this day, most of the places in India treat a woman as a curse. And it is not just men in the family but the women, more so the mother who delivers a female child herself considers her girl child as an annoyance," and added, "I have seen several cases where the mother has even gone into depression after knowing she has delivered a baby girl. This discrimination and harassment of women is in fact nothing new to us Indians but is a huge problem to be addressed with care."

Advocate and Consultant S. G. Karuna, speaking on the Provisions of the Legislation, elaborated on the definition of sexual harassment at workplace and called it a key term required to be understood in the legislation. She also spoke on the qualification for the members of a committee against sexual harassment in an organisation and the roles they need to play in implementation of the act.

Stating that the cases of false complaints too are high these days, she said that in about 50 cases of sexual harassment she has handled so far, about 3 percent of them involved in false complaints which is an issue that needs to be addressed seriously.

CII Convenor K. Anantha Gowda welcomed. S.M. Jayaprakash, Chairman, NIPM and S. N. Gopinath, Past Chairman, NIPM Karnataka were present.

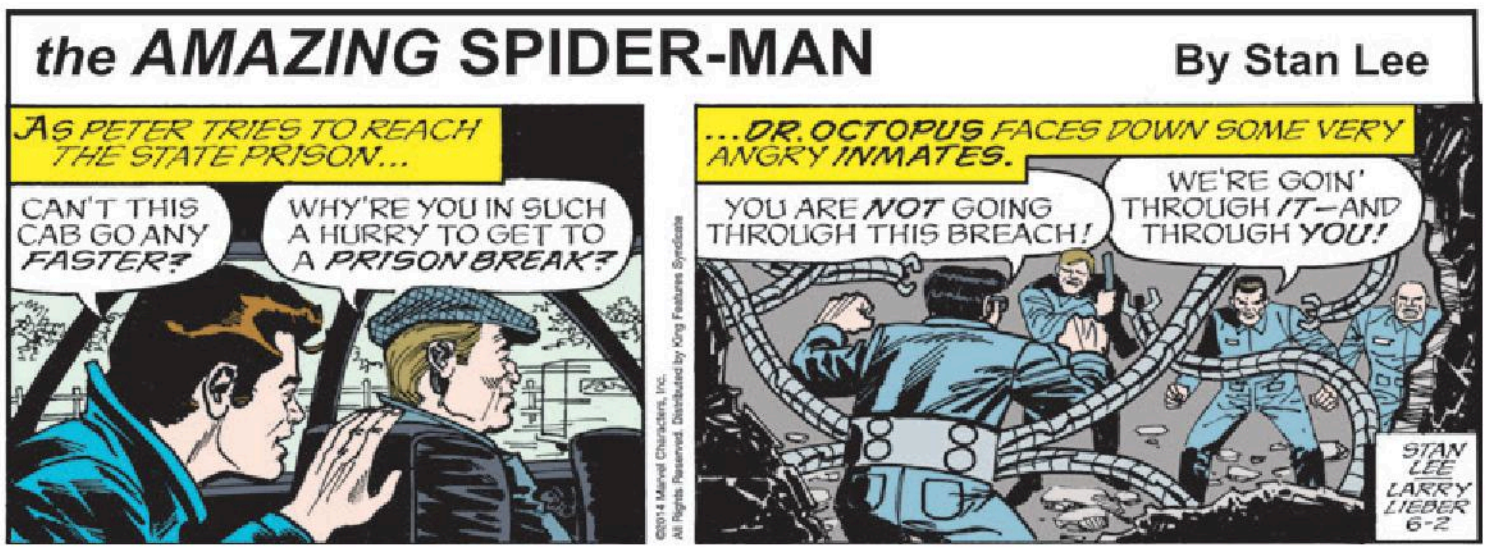
Ediga Hostel admission

Mysuru, May 23- The Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Arya Edigara Sangha has invited applications from community students for admission to Arya Ediga Students Hostel (2017-18). The community students who have sought admission to PUC, Degree and Post-Graduate courses in city Institutions, can apply. The prescribed application forms can be collected from the Sangha's office located on New Kantharaj Urs Road, Krishnamurthypuram and the same should be returned latest by May 31. For details, contact call Mob: 93419-16963.

MUDA meeting tomorrow

Mysuru, May 23- MUDA has convened a meeting of Housing Co-operative Societies, who own land at Lingambudhi, Yadahalli, Chowdahalli, Halalu, Kergalli, Kurubarahalli, Mysuru Kasaba, Sarkari Uttanahalli, Bandipalya, Lalithadripura, Chikkalli and Yandhalli villages, to primarily discuss development of land on 50:50 ratio and distribution of sites as per the latest Government rules at MUDA Hall on JLB Road at 4 pm tomorrow (May 24).

The meeting will be chaired by MUDA Chairman D. Dhruvakumar.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NEWS BRIEFS

Power disruption tomorrow

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted tomorrow (Mar. 24) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Gandhi Circle, Old Bank Road, Dodda Vokkaligara Beedi, Irwin Road, Sayyaji Rao Road, Olympia Talkies and surrounding places.

Academic Council Meeting

University of Mysore (UoM) has convened Academic Council Meeting at Crawford Hall on May 24 (Tomorrow) at 10.30 am, according to the Varsity Deputy Registrar.

Sahaj Samadhi Mediation course

Art of Living Mysore Chapter has organised Sahaj Samadhi Mediation course from May 26 to 29 from 6.30 to 8 am / pm and 11.30 am to 1.30 pm at Sri Ravishankar Guruji Ashram, Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru and at # 2343, Sampige Road, Kuvempunagar. [Mob: 94480-48488]

Counselling

With the results of the entrance test announced, the District-level Counselling for admission to Morarji Desai/ Kittur Rani Chennamma/ Ekalavya Model/ Dr. B.R. Ambedkar/ Atal Bihari Vajapayee Residential Schools, will be held from May 26 to 29. The counselling will take place at the office of the Joint-Director of Social Welfare Department, Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Bhavan, Adipampa Road, Narayanaswamy Block, Paduvarahalli East. The schedule is as follows — May 26: For girls from SC community; May 27: Boys and girls from ST community; May 28: Boys from SC community, category-1, 2A and 2B; May 29: Boys and girls from category 3A and 3B and those in the waiting list.

Free coaching for KAS prelims

Bengaluru-based MES PU College will be conducting free coaching classes in the subject Geography and Environment for KAS (Prelims) - 2017, at Sri Krishna Lalitha Kalamandir, 5th Cross, Tyagaraja Road, Mysuru, from June 4 to 26. The aspirants who have chosen Geography and Environment as the optional subjects can apply before June 1. For details, contact Mob: 94488-83643 or 89040-49287 between 7 pm and 10 pm.

Osho Meditation

Timeless Wisdom, Osho Meditation Centre, located at Jayanivasa, #1082/1, Narasaraja Road, Chamarajapuram, has been teaching various Osho meditation techniques everyday from 5.30 am to 8 pm. The Centre will be conducting a workshop at Osho Sannidhi on May 28. For details, contact Mob: 91643-85551.

Accused found stealing, kills innocent boy

Mysuru, May 23 (NG&NNN)- The Police, who refused to divulge the details regarding the murder of 14-year-old Shashank of K.R. Pet taluk, yesterday morning, have revealed that it is indeed a case relating to IPL cricket betting. However, there is a twist in the story.

Shashank

The murder accused Dikshit, 18, and another student who were arrested, have spilled the beans that it was indeed the betting racket that they were involved in that made them commit such a heinous crime.

Dikshit, studying in a Polytechnic College in K.R. Pet taluk, became addicted to IPL betting and lost a lot of money. As he had to repay the bookies, the only way out for him was to resort to crime and on May 15, he has gone to Shashank's house to steal valuables.

Shashank has identified Dikshit and worried that his (Dikshit) identity would be revealed, he has dragged the innocent boy out, hit him on the neck and killed him by strangulating him. Later, he has returned to the house, stolen jewellery, Shashank's mobile phone and escaped.

He has pawned it in K.R. Pet itself. The Police who came to know that Shashank's mobile phone is missing, found that it was with another person. On questioning the person who owned the mobile, he told them that he had bought it from the pawnbroker. The Police immediately traced Dikshit and arrested him. They are on the lookout for other persons, if any, in this betting racket and further investigations are on.

SP Sudheer Kumar, speaking to *Star of Mysore* said, "the accused Dikshit scared that his identity would be revealed as he was caught stealing, killed Shashank, strangulating him. During the investigation, Dikishit revealed the truth."

Cricket betting

Seven arrested, Rs. 3,530 cash, 9 mobile phones, TV seized

Mysuru, May 23 (KS)- Saraswathipuram Police, acting on a tip off, raided a house on the 8th Cross, 4th Main in Saraswathipuram near Kamakshi Hospital and arrested seven persons on charges on indulging in cricket betting and have seized Rs. 3,530 cash, nine mobile phones and a TV set from the house.

The arrested persons have been identified as Amarnath, Srihari, Sunil and Anil, all residents of Saraswathipuram, Deepak and Mohan of K.G. Koppal and Karna of Devaraja Mohalla.

KR ACP C. Mallik supervised Saraswathipuram Inspector K.C. Poovaiah, SI N. Mohan and staff K.T. Manjunath, Basavarajeurs, Karigowda, Prakash, Manjunath, Kantharaju and Chikkanna in the raid, nabbing and seizing operation.

Suicide attempt

Engineering student succumbs to burn injuries

Chamarajanagar, May 23 (SMR&KS)- A newly-married woman and a final year engineering student, who attempted suicide by dousing herself with petrol and setting herself on fire at the KSRTC Depot premises here on May 18, succumbed to burn injuries at K.R. Hospital in Mysuru yesterday.

Rakshitha

The victim, identified as Rakshitha (21), daughter of Ramegowda and residing in Gangothri Layout in Mysuru, was pursuing her final year engineering course at Government Engineering College in Chamarajanagar.

Rakshitha had married one Srinivas, a driver-cum-conductor attached to Chamarajanagar KSRTC Bus Depot though there was opposition from her family and from Srinivas' family.

On the ill-fated day, Rakshitha, along with her father went to the bus depot to speak to Srinivas, but Srinivas is said to have verbally abused Ramegowda, which was heard by Rakshitha.

She then went near the toilet in the depot premises, doused herself with petrol, which she had kept in a bottle and placed in her bag and set herself on fire, resulting in 75% burn injuries.

She was immediately rushed to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru and was admitted in the Burns Ward, where she succumbed to burn injuries yesterday.

Chamarajanagar Police, who have already arrested Srinivas, have handed him over to judicial custody.

Induvalu Circle turning into accident spot

Villagers vent their ire on Traffic Cops, stage *rasta roko*

Mandya, May 23 (NG&KS)- With frequent road accidents taking place in Induvalu Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway resulting in fatalities and serious injuries, the residents of Induvalu village staged protest demonstration against the Police by blocking the Highway yesterday.

Following a road accident between a bike and a car yesterday morning, the villagers staged a *rasta roko* for about 45 minutes between 11.30 am and 12.25 pm, bringing the traffic on the busy Highway to a halt.

The traffic on the highway was disrupted with vehicles lining up for more than a kilometre on both the sides of the highway.

The villagers, shouting slogans against the Police, expressed anger on the Department for not taking preventive measures near the village.

The protesters, who spoke, said that everyday accidents take place at the Circle resulting in loss of lives or victims suffering serious injuries which has become common and added that thousands of vehicles ply on this Highway with high speed causing problems to school-going children and even elders to cross the road.

Sometimes people have to stand for more than an hour to cross the road, the protesters said and added that though they had brought this to the notice of the Police Department, no action has been taken till now as the Police have turned a blind eye.

The protesters urged the authorities to install a road hump near the road divider and deploy a Traffic Police to regulate traffic besides demanding higher officials to come to the spot.

The Rural and Traffic Police personnel, who arrived at the spot, managed to convince the protesters who withdrew their stir. They threatened of intensifying the protest if the Police fail to take necessary steps in this regard.

Rider, pillion injured in bike-car collision

Prior to the villagers staging *rasta roko*, a bike-rider and his pillion were injured, when a car rammed into their bike near Induvalu Circle.

The injured have been identified as 55-year-old Krishnaiah of Induvalu village and 50-year-old Mahadevu of Karasawadi.

The duo were proceeding on some work from Induvalu village, when a speeding car coming from Mysuru side rammed into the bike injuring both of them.

Both the injured were shifted to the District Hospital. A case has been registered at Rural Police Station in this regard.

H.D. Deve Gowda launches fresh
party organisation drive from Ch'nagar

Chamarajanagar, May 23 (SS &DM)- In a bid to get head start for the 2018 Assembly polls, JD(S) Supremo and former PM H.D Deve Gowda launched the party's fresh organisation drive from backward Chamarajanagar district yesterday. Ahead of launching the drive, H.D. Deve Gowda visited Mahadeshwara Temple at M.M. Hills in Kollegal and Chamarajeshwara Temple in Chamarajanagar town.

Addressing party workers at a private Hotel on Sathyamangalam Road here yesterday, Deve Gowda said that the JD(S) will field candidates in all the 224 Assembly segments.

Replying to a question on why the party did not field its candidates for the Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-polls held recently? Deve Gowda defended the party's stand stating that the JD(S) could not match the money power of Congress and BJP.

He also asserted that no one can finish off the JD(S) in the State. Maintaining that the JD(S) was not a family and casteist party, Deve Gowda said that the party will give due representation to all communities.

MLCs Marithibbegowda and K.T. Srikantegowda too addressed the party workers.

Many Congress and BJP leaders joined the JD(S) on the occasion. Former MLC H.C. Neeravari, District President Kamaraj and other office-bearers were present.

In an interesting Development, Chamarajanagar Congress MLA C. Puttarangashetty fell at the feet of Deve Gowda.

Deve Gowda, who left the town's TB after taking some rest, to address the party workers, was in for a pleasant surprise when Puttarangashetty presented him a shawl and fell at his feet.

CM plans to outwit opposition leaders by reviving old cases

Bengaluru, May 23 (KMS& DM)- Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, in a bid to outwit main Opposition leaders B.S. Yeddyurappa and H.D. Kumaraswamy ahead of 2018 Assembly polls, has planned to revive old cases registered against the two leaders long ago.

Siddharamaiah

Siddharamaiah, who is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that the Congress retains power in the 2018 polls, has heady begun to tarnish the image of Opposition leaders, by reviving Jantakal mining cases, in which former CM and State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy.

The CM seems to have targeted State BJP Chief B.S. Yeddyurappa too, by secretly ordering Bengaluru CCB to investigate Rs. 1.98 crore cash found in an Advocate's car at Vidhana Soudha last year.

Congress leader V.S. Ugrappa, who is close to Chief Minister Siddharamaiah, had publicly claimed that the cash found in the Advocate's car belonged to B.S. Yeddyurappa.

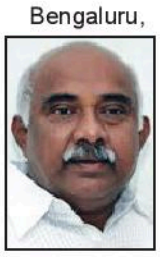
Soon as Ugrappa issued a press statement in this regard, the Advocate in question Vinod Kumar moved the High Court and succeeded in getting a stay into the probe.

Amidst these development, the Government transferred Bengaluru Central DCP Sandeep Patil and handed over the probe to CCB. DCP Sandeep Patil is said to be a close relative of an influential BJP Pleader.

Even as the High Court has stalled the probe, Siddharamaiah, who is out to strike at his rivals, has ordered a secret investigation by the CCB. The CM is also said to have ordered revival of cases lodged by the Lokayukta and CID against Yeddyurappa, it is learnt.

Vishwanath likely to join JD(S) on June 7

Bengaluru, May, 23 (KMS& DM)- Former MP and senior Congress leader A.H. Vishwanath, who is upset over being sidelined by the party and Chief Minister Siddharamaiah choosing to ignore him, is likely to join the JD(S) at a massive rally in Mysuru on June 7.



Vishwanath

Vishwanath, who had recently held several round of talks with JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda and State Party President H.D. Kumaraswamy, is said to be joining the JD(S) without any conditions.

However, Vishwanath is unlikely to contest the 2018 Assembly polls and will only be a star campaigner of the JD(S) touring across the State.

While Deve Gowda is for inducting Vishwanath into the party at the party Headquarters in Bengaluru, State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy is for according a grand welcome to Vishwanath at a massive rally of party workers to be organised in Mysuru on June 7, it is learnt.

Free Wi-Fi facility in KSRTC buses

Bengaluru, May 23 (KMS& KS)- The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), which is providing various facilities in a view to make it passenger-friendly, will be providing free Wi-Fi facility in all KSRTC buses soon.

With all types of buses in KSRTC, North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC) and North East Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NEKRTC) to provide free Wi-Fi facility, Karnataka becomes the first State in the country to provide such facility in Government buses with 18,000 buses of KSRTC, NWKRTC and NEKRTC providing the facility.

Out of 18,000 buses, KSRTC has 8,320 buses, NWKRTC 6,165 buses and NEKRTC has 5,049 buses. From the next month, all these buses will provide free Wi-Fi facility for its passengers.

At present, KSRTC is providing free Wi-Fi facility at 24 bus stands and the authorities have planned to increase the facility to 450 bus stands for which tender would be called by this month end, said sources.

The tender to provide Wi-Fi facility in all 18,000 buses of the three Corporations, has been bagged by a Pune-based company.

SC Judge expresses concern over increase in Family Courts

Mysuru, May 23 (SPN&DM)- Expressing concern over the increase in the number of Family Courts, especially in Bengaluru, Supreme Court Judge Justice Mohan M. Shantanagoudar said that the demand for more Family Courts was not a good sign.

He was speaking after inaugurating a guest house built by the JSS University at a cost of Rs. 15 crore on JSS Medical Institutions premises at Bannimantap here yesterday.

Pointing out that there are 15 Family Courts in Bengaluru and there was a proposal to establish another four Courts, Justice Shantanagoudar observed that aping of western culture was the main reason for increasing domestic violence.

Regretting that marriage-divorce has become common in recent years, he said children taking care of parents which used to be common in society earlier, had become uncommon today.

Bemoaning that we were moving towards western culture while at the same time forgetting our very own rich culture and heritage, Justice Shantanagoudar lamented the increase in the number of old-age homes, which are offering facilities on the lines of star hostels.

Highlighting on the need for worshipping our parents, he stressed on the need for humanity in society.

Karnataka High Court Judge Justice Ashok B. Hinchigeri, in his address, observed that spiritual poverty is the cause of all social evils.

Noting that respecting elders was one of the important factor in development of the society, he expressed concern over increasing corrupt practices and unethical actions.

Maintaining that economical and social exploitation still persisted in the society, Justice Hinchigere highlighted the need for doing good things in life, so that the society is benefited.

Former Supreme Court Judge Dr. Shivaraj Patil said that the JSS was rendering great service to the society by running over 400 educational institutions across the country and globe.

Lauding the JSS Medical Institutions for its international quality, he said that the Institutions should make most appropriate use of 100 acres of land allotted by the Government in the outskirts of the city.

Upa Lokayukta Subhash B. Adi, JSS University Vice-Chancellor Dr. B. Suresh, Registrar Dr. B. Manjunath, JSS Medical College Principal Dr. Basavanagowdappa, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath and others were present.

JSS University guest house inaugurated

The manner in which Hindi is promoted hasn't helped National unity. One-sided policy has hindered it

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Was it necessary to kick up the Hindi controversy all over again? A better model was available to the authorities. Within a fortnight of the Modi Government taking office, a circular had gone round Central Government offices asking for Hindi to be used in social media. Protests rose from non-Hindi States and the PMO quickly doused the fire by explaining that the circular was only meant for Hindi-speaking States.

Earlier this month, in an apparent bid to prove more loyal than the king, the Official Language Committee headed by Kiran Rijuju proposed — and the President of India approved — that all dignitaries give their speeches/statements in Hindi only (meaning that those who did not do so in Hindi would not be considered dignitaries), that flight announcements be in Hindi followed by English (that is how it is now, so what was the need to rub it in?) Minister Rijuju said "we are not imposing Hindi, only promoting it like any other language." Like any other language? What's his most recent move to promote Telugu or Konkani?

It is part of Hindi chauvinism to assume that South Indians are anti-Hindi. They are not. They have heartily welcomed cinema, television, sports and latterday phenomena like migrant labour that spread spoken Hindi across the region. What blocks Hindi are two other obstacles. First, the air of superiority of the Hindiwalla, especially when he has precious little to be superior about. Secondly, the advantage people from Hindi States get in the job market.

In 2016, the official Sarkari Naukri Portal advertised hundreds of thousands of jobs — total government vacancies 2,73,879, graduate government jobs 82,319 and so on. When applicants for these jobs are processed, candidates whose mother tongue is Hindi get a natural advantage over those from non-Hindi areas, irrespective of professional qualifications. It is a pity that the over-enthusiastic Rijuju does not understand the bread-and-butter implications of Hindi.

Even as Rijuju was busy promoting "all" the languages, another patriot went to the Supreme Court with the plea that the Centre, the States and Union territories be asked to make Hindi compulsory for class I to VII students across the country "to promote National unity." The Court not only refused to entertain the plea; it noted that the petitioner was a spokesman of the BJP's Delhi chapter and asked: "Why does he not ask his party to do it? He is part of the Government." For that matter, why does he not ask about the three-language formula, enshrined as State policy in 1968, which requires people in Hindi-speaking States to study Hindi, English and a modern Indian language. How many in UP have studied English and another Indian language? A one-way perspective supported by arrogance cannot "promote National unity."

Other countries march ahead of us by being practical, not chauvinistic. In 2001 China made English a compulsory subject in primary and secondary schools. English also became a required subject, along with Mandarin and mathematics, for the National Higher Education Entrance Examination. Today nearly 94 percent of students who have to study a foreign language choose English. This has been a factor in China's march in recent years to world leadership.

Inspiring was the example set by Indonesia, a country of 17,500 islands with 260 "vigorous" languages and 350 declining languages. As much as 45 percent Indonesians are Javanese. And yet the leadership of the freedom movement, though dominated by Javanese, decided that independent Indonesia should not have a system that would give undue advantage to the Javanese and their language. So they chose as the national language a Malay-Jawi mix and gave it a neutral name, Bahasa Indonesia. To clinch the unifying reform, they also adopted the Roman (Latin) script for the new Bahasa. That was patriotism true and proper.

The only Indian leader who had that kind of vision was Subhas Chandra Bose. In the Haripura session of the Congress in 1938, Bose as President mooted the idea of adopting Roman script for Hindustani. He explained how Kamal Atatuk's decision to introduce Roman script in Turkey had worked wonders in that country.

Of course, the Congress simply ignored the idea. **It was Mahatma Gandhi, a Gujarati, who proposed that Hindi be the National language with Devanagari script. Instead of uniting India, it has proved divisive because Hindi is promoted with neither the pragmatism of Subhas Chandra Bose nor the wisdom of the Javanese.** All that the promoters have is a blinkered view of nationalism — and we keep paying for it.

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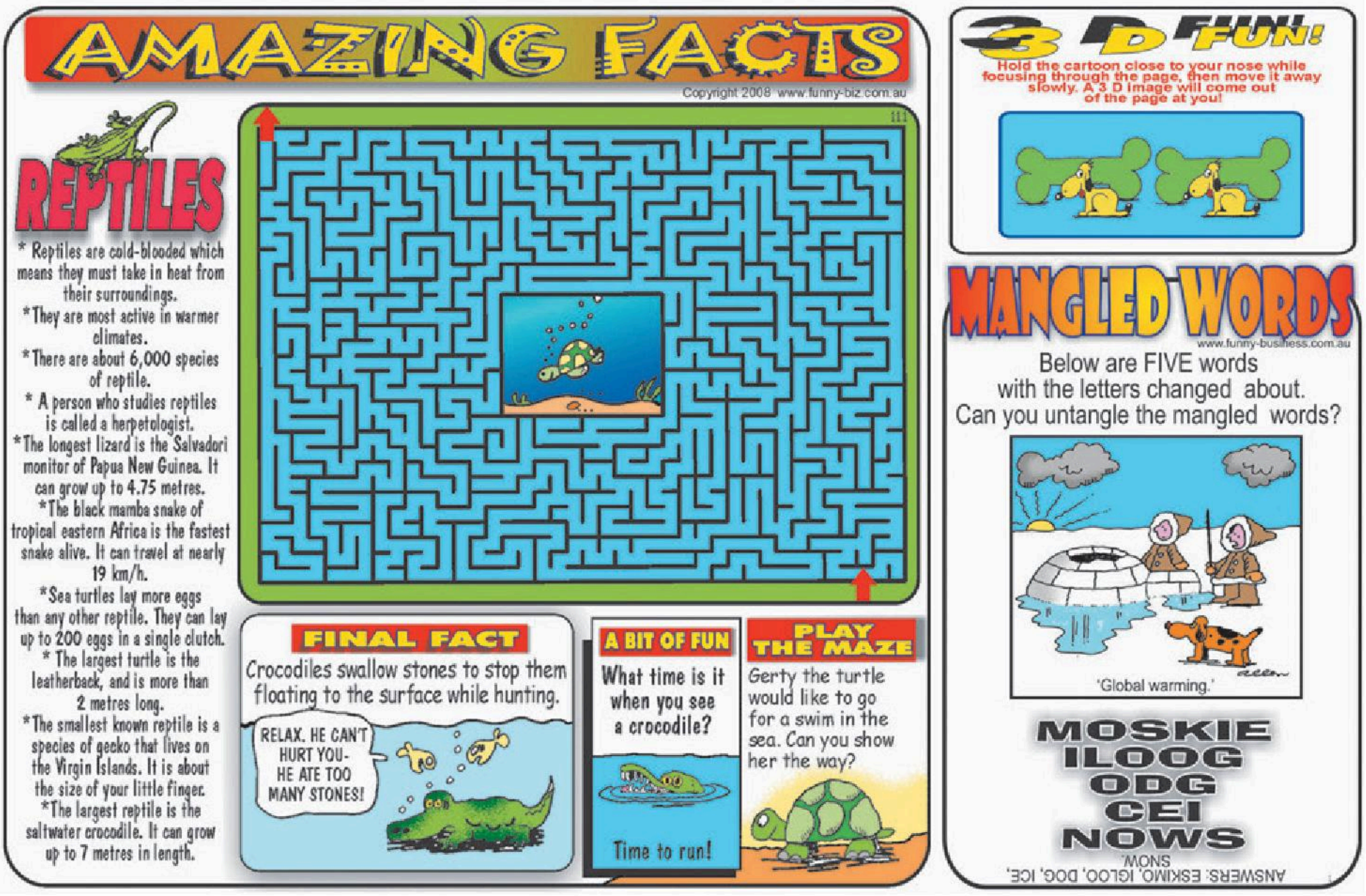
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REPTILES
* Reptiles are cold-blooded which means they must take in heat from their surroundings.
*They are most active in warmer climates.
*There are about 6,000 species of reptile.
* A person who studies reptiles is called a herpetologist.
*The longest lizard is the Salvadori monitor of Papua New Guinea. It can grow up to 4.75 metres.
*The black mamba snake of tropical eastern Africa is the fastest snake alive. It can travel at nearly 19 km/h.
*Sea turtles lay more eggs than any other reptile. They can lay up to 200 eggs in a single clutch.
* The largest turtle is the leatherback, and is more than 2 metres long.
*The smallest known reptile is a species of gecko that lives on the Virgin Islands. It is about the size of your little finger.
*The largest reptile is the saltwater crocodile. It can grow up to 7 metres in length.
FINAL FACT
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Pramoda Devi Wadiyar visits KRS Dam

"I love to walk on the bridge"

Mandya/Mysuru, May 23 (NG)- Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar visited the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam and Brindavan Gardens yesterday.

Accompanied by late Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar's sister Indrakshi Devi's daughter Samyukta, Pramoda Devi arrived at the Dam at around 11.30 am. Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF) Sub-Inspector Govardhan, who was on duty, saw her arriving at the gate and informed the officials of Cauvery Niravari Nigam Limited. Nigam's AEE P. Vasudeva rushed to the gate with Engineer Kishore to welcome the Royal Family members.

Initially, the officials were taken aback as Pramoda Devi had arrived at the Dam without prior intimation. Later, she was taken around the Dam where repair works were going on as well as to the Brindavan Gardens.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* here this morning, Pramoda Devi said, "I visit Brindavan Gardens very often. I love to walk on the bridge. I walked the full length of almost two-and-a-half kilometres and went right down. It was sad to see the depleting water level."

"A team from Indore is restoring the dam and the engineers and other officials shared the technical details with me. I was curious about the stones that they had gathered. They told me that they had extracted the foundation stones and they would do research on that," she said and added that she was all praise for the kind of work the experts were undertaking.

Vasudeva told *SOM* that Pramoda Devi was impressed with the ongoing renovation and development works at the Dam but at the same time expressed concern over the depleting water levels and the plight of farmers.

Pramoda Devi also visited the boating area at the Gardens. Later, the officials invited her to the Inspection Bungalow where the duo were offered tender coconuts. Pramoda Devi was also felicitated by the officials with a shawl after which she headed back to Mysuru at around 2pm.

Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura receives awards

Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura, who was felicitated by Pragathi Prathisthana in a recently held function at Kalamandira, is seen with former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia, Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar and office-bearers of Pragathi Prathisthana.

Mysuru, May 23- City's Agri-Scientist Dr. Vasanth Kumar Thimakapura was conferred with 'Krishi Vijnana Ratna Award-2017' by Lions Club of Mysore Heritage City in association with Dr. Sukanya, an NRI residing in Nairobi, Kenya.

PDG Ln. M. N.Jaiprakash, Club President Ln. C. H. Mallapur and other dignitaries were present.

He was also honoured with 'Pride of Mysuru' award by Pragathi Prathisthana for his outstanding contribution to the field of Agriculture at a function held at Kalamandira.

Dr. Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, former Minister P.G.R. Sindhia and others dignitaries were present.

Dr. Thimakapura, who is well known as plant doctor, has rendered yeoman service from the past two decades to the farming community through his innovative research, products and extension.

As Lion member and District Chairman – Agriculture, Dr. Vasanth Thimakapura has conducted a number of free farmer training programmes on different crops in this region. He is also running a free Agri-clinic at his own cost for the benefit of the farming community.

Ex-PM takes time off to watch Kannada movie in city

Mysuru, May 23 (SBD&NNN)- Popularly known as 24X7 politician, when former Prime Minister and JD (S) leader H.D. Deve Gowda takes time off to watch a movie, everyone has to sit up and take notice.

After attending a party meeting at Chamarajanagar yesterday, Deve Gowda offered puja at the Nanjangud temple and then reached Mysuru along with party leaders and drove to DRC Cinemas in Jayalakshmipuram to watch *"Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya."*

Rarely does a man of his stature find time to relax. Hence, it was a rare sight to see him watching a movie. A smiling Deve Gowda entered the multiplex and was welcomed by the owners Vaishali and C.R. Hanumanth with a bouquet.

The media persons, who got scent of his visit, gathered around him. Addressing them, he said, "I was influenced watching Raj Kumar-starrer *Bangarada Manushya* (released in 1972). In the light of this, I have come to watch his son Shivarajkumar act. In another two days, I will also watch *'Rajakumaara,'* in which Puneeth Rajkumar has acted."

Viewers co-operate: Nearly 40 people had accompanied Deve Gowda to watch the Kannada movie in Screen 2 and the seats were reserved for them. As the former PM came late, the show that was to start at 7.10 pm began 40 minutes late. Even then the other movie-goers were not upset. They all agreed to co-operate once they came to know that Deve Gowda was on his way to watch the movie. "Only when the viewers agreed to co-operate did we start the movie late," said Hanumanth.

Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, ex-Mayor R. Lingappa, JD(S) City President Harish Gowda, District President Narasimhaswamy, MLC K.T. Srikantegowda, former VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa's son Shobit Rangappa and others accompanied the former PM.

It may be recalled that Chief Minister Siddharamaiah had watched *Rajakumaara* on April 9, after the polling in Nanjangud and Gundlupet by-elections, with his close aides at DRC.

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Indian origin politician

in England holds brief for Pakistan

By K.B. Ganapathy,
Editor-in-Chief

Virendra Sharma

In UK, at present general election campaign is hotting up. There were Hindus, Muslims and Christians among others who have entered the election arena hoping to make it to British Parliament-Westminster. There were Pakistan origin Muslims and Indian Hindus. I do not know if Indian Muslims too are there and Sikhs, Jain et al. And like in all democracies all over the world vote-bank strategy is practised by those contestants who are ready to compromise their ideals and fool the voters.

An example was seen in the ongoing general election in United Kingdom. Today's report says that the Labour MP for Ealing Southall, a heavily Indian origin constituency and Chairperson of the Indo-British All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Virendra Sharma, said to be the longest serving India-origin MP, had told a multi-faith meeting in London that "Pakistan is not harbouring terrorist groups or sponsoring terrorism."

How could such a person be the head of the Indo-British APPG? Worse, how much harm he must have done to India in the past years that he was holding this office? It was Labour Party in power after World War II that partitioned India in haste to give Indian Muslims a homeland — Pakistan. That wound is not healed and has remained a festering wound in Kashmir. When Barrack Obama was US President, Pakistan was hosting the world's No. 1 terrorist Osama-bin-Laden till he was eliminated by a surgical strike on his hide-out in Abbottabad military camp in Pakistan.

Just earlier this morning there was terrorist attack in Manchester England, killing over 22 persons and injuring many. Donald Trump himself had asked Pakistan not to harbour terrorists and as a result the 26/11 Mumbai attack mastermind who was walking free in Pakistan was put on house arrest etc.

And this MP Virendra Sharma had the gumption and cheek to absolve Pakistan from its evil deed — for a few more votes from the Pakistani origin voters!

Reading the news, I was reflecting about India's fate as a subjugated nation under Muslim and British rule. Why Hindus let down India, their home country, more so when one is in England? Specially when, for an English man, patriotism means "right or wrong my country." Why an Indian abroad does not have the same sense of patriotism?

According to a writer the reason for the ultimate collapse of Hindu resistance was that internal dissensions and treachery had enfeebled their ranks and the rest of the country. As such the rest of the country had failed to give them (the Hindu rulers) succour from time to time to carry on the battle for the defence of their kingdoms. Remember the history?

To Ghazni Mohammed, who looted and desecrated the Somnath Temple (1026 AD) our own Hindu Chieftains acted as guides and aides.

It was Jayachand who invited Muhammad Ghori in 1192. Prithviraj Chauhan was defeated. Raja Mansingh became the corner stone of Akbar's vast empire. Therefore, what we see today is history repeating itself in its new avatar which will surely affect our country adversely. Therefore, Indian Government should ensure this Virendra Sharma is stripped of his chair of Indo-British APPG.

Mysuru-Hubballi Daily Express to be flagged off this evening

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Union Ministers D.V. Sadananda Gowda, Ananth Kumar, Ramesh Chandappa Jigajinagi and Nirmala Sitharaman will be the chief guests.

Simultaneously, at Mysuru Railway Station, MP Pratap Simha, Minister Tanveer Sait, Dy. Chairman of Karnataka Legislative Council Marithibbegowda, ZP President Nayeema Sulthana, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, MLAs Vasu, G.T. Devegowda and M.K. Somashekar and MLCs K.T. Srikantegowda and R. Dharmasena will give a green signal to the new train.

This new train which departs from Mysuru at 6.15 am daily will facilitate thousands of government employees and workers from unorganised sector from Mysuru to reach their work places on the Mysuru-Bengaluru route. The train is expected to ease pressure on Chamundi Express that leaves Mysuru at 6.45 am.

Accordingly, Train No. 17325, Hubballi - Mysuru Daily Express departs Hubballi at 08:00 hrs. and reaches Mysuru at 20:40 hrs.

Enroute, the train arrives/departs Yalgivi at 08:44/08:45 hrs., Haveri at 09:08/09:10 hrs., Byadgi at 09:21/09:22 hrs., Ranibennur at 09:33/09:35 hrs., Harihar at 10:18/10:20 hrs., Davangere at 10:43/10:45 hrs., Chikjajur at 11:44/11:45 hrs., Ajjampur at 12:24/12:25 hrs., Birur at 12:50/12:52 hrs., Kadur at 13:01/13:03 hrs., Arsikere at 13:40/13:45 hrs., Tiptur at 14:18/14:20 hrs., Tumakuru at 16:13/16:15 hrs., Yesvantpur at 17:14/17:16 hrs., KSR Bengaluru at 17:40/17:45 hrs., Kengeri at 18:04/18:05 hrs., Bidadi at 18:19/18:20 hrs., Ramanagram, at 18:34/18:35 hrs., Channapatna at 18:44/18:45 hrs., Maddur at 19:04/19:05 hrs., Mandya at 19:20/19:22 hrs., Pandavapura at 19:53/19:55 hrs., Srirangapatna at 20:01/20:02 hrs.

In the return direction, Train No. 17326, Mysuru - Hubballi Daily Express departs Mysuru at 06:15 hrs. and reaches Hubballi at 19:05 hrs.

Enroute, the train arrives/departs Srirangapatna at 06:29/06:30 hrs., Pandavapura at 06:34/06:35 hrs., Mandya at 06:58/07:00 hrs., Maddur at 07:19/07:20 hrs., Channapatna at 07:39/07:40 hrs., Ramanagram at 07:55/07:56 hrs., Bidadi at 08:09/08:10 hrs., Kengeri at 08:30/08:32 hrs., KSR Bengaluru at 09:10/09:15 hrs., Yesvantpur at 09:24/09:25 hrs., Tumakuru at 10:28/10:30 hrs., Tiptur at 11:43/11:45 hrs., Arsikere at 12:20/12:25 hrs., Kadur. at 13:03/13:05 hrs., Birur at 13:13/13:15 hrs., Ajjampur at 13:33/13:34 hrs., Chikjajur at 14:15/14:16 hrs., Davangere at 15:03/15:05 hrs., Harihar at 15:33/15:35 hrs., Ranibennur at 16:00/06:01 hrs., Byadgi at 16:24/16:25 hrs., Haveri at 16:38/16:40 hrs., Yalgivi at 17:09/17:10 hrs.

The train composition will have 16 coaches comprising one Second Class Chair Car, 13 General Second Class coaches and two Second Class Luggage-cum-Brake van with Disabled friendly compartment..

Hubballi - Varanasi Weekly Express

On the occasion, Train No. 17323/17324-Hubballi-Varanasi - Hubballi Weekly Express will also be flagged off by the Railway Minister through video link.

Poll run-up: State Congress in-charge meets H-K leaders

Venugopal

Bengaluru, May 23 (KMS&DM)- AICC General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka K.C. Venugopal, who is holding interaction with district level party leaders with an objective of ensuring better interaction between the party and the Government since yesterday, today began interaction with Congress leaders from Hyderabad-Karnataka (H-K) region in the State capital.

The District in-charge Minister, the Party Legislators and the Party President of each of the 6 districts coming under Hyderabad-Karnataka region — Bidar, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Raichur, Koppal and Ballari, are meeting Venugopal, CM Siddharamaiah and KPCC President Dr. G. Parameshwara at the KPCC office on Queen's Road.

On the first day yesterday, the Congress top brass held interaction with leaders from each of the 7 districts coming under Mumbai-Karnataka region.

The meetings, scheduled to continue for the next couple of days, is part of an exercise taken up by the Congress to prepare itself for the 2018 Assembly polls.

MYSORE SUMMER RACES 2017

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'King of the World' for Grey Gaston Trophy

Mysuru, May 23 - The following are the selections for the 1st Day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here tomorrow (24th May 2017):

1.	2.00 PM	**THE RED SATIN PLATE DIV II** 1100 mts. (rated 00 to 25) *1. Aldahma 2. On Her Own*
2.	2.30 PM	**THE KUSHALNAGAR PLATE** 1100 mts. 3 years (terms) *1. Mysore Super Queen 2. Tigris*
3.	3.00 PM	**THE RED SATIN PLATE DIV I** 1100 mts. (rated 00 to 25) *1. Roi Junior 2. Order Order*
4.	3.30 PM	**THE MELUKOTE PLATE** 1400 mts. (rated 20 to 45) *1. One Step Ahead 2. Clouds*
5.	4.00 PM	**THE DUBARE FOREST PLATE** 1200 mts. (rated 20 to 45) *1. Tobin 2.Reach The Star*
6.	4.30 PM	**THE GREY GASTON TROPHY** 1400 mts. (rated 60 and above) *1. King of World 2. Sea Lagoon*
7.	5.00 PM	**THE TROMBAY PLATE** 1600 mts. (rated 40 to 65) *1. Gusty Wind 2. Ascendency*
8.	5.30 PM	**THE BELOVED PRINCE PLATE** 1200 mts. (rated 40 to 65) *1. Ali Boxer 2. Excelonce*

DAY'S BEST: *GUSTY WIND*
DOUBLE: *1. KING OF THE WORLD 2. ALI BOXER*
JACKPOT: *4,5,6,7,8;* ***I TREBLE:*** *1,2,3;* ***II TREBLE :*** *4,5,6*
III TREBLE : *7,8,9*
EXACTAS: *7,8*

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Management of Medical waste

Mysuru, May 23 (PM&DM)- A sensitisation programme on 'Environmentally Sound Management of Medical Waste in India' project,for administrators of the district, was held at Abdul Nazeer Sab State Institute of Rural Development on Lalitha Mahal Road in the city this morning.

The programme is jointly organised by Global Environment Facility (GEF), Government of India, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and M.S. Ramaiah Medical College, Bengaluru.

Vajrotsava: Widows of farmers get financial aid

VAJROTSAVA DAY-3: ***Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji distributed financial aid of Rs. 15,000 along with a saree each to widows of farmers who committed suicide — Hombalamma and Puttamadamma, both from Bidarahalli, Thayamma of Rangacharihundi, Siddamma of Mellahalli and Savitri of Mahadevanahundi, located around Bannur — at Sri Ganapathy Ashrama premises on Ooty Road in Dattanagar this morning, as part of the Diamond Jubilee and 75th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Swamiji and 19th anniversary of Nada Mantapa. Picture below shows the Datta Peetha Title recipients —*** *(from left) Asthana Vidwan:* ***K. Chandrashekhara Ghanapathi, Tirupati (Yajur Veda); Sripada Satyanarayana, Tirupati (Vyakarana Shastra); V.S. Gurunatha Ghanapathi, Chennai (Yajur Veda, Meemamsa Shastra); Prof. Veeranarayana Pandurangi, Bengaluru (Nyaya Shastra);*** *Pravachana Nidhi:* ***Bachampalli Santosha Kumar, Hyderabad;*** *Asthana Vidwan:* ***Ram Kumar Mishra, Varanasi (Tabla); Trichur R. Mohan, Chennai (Mridanga); Arjun Kumar, Bengaluru (Mridanga); Shertalay Ranganatha Sharma, Madurai (Karnatak Vocal) and Shek Mabu, Nuzvidu (Veena);*** *Shukavana Prashasti:* ***A.R. Vijay, Chennai — with Sri Ganapathy Swamiji and Junior Pontiff Sri Datta Vijayananda Teertha Swamiji.***

MCC rescues neglected cow

MCC officials and workers are seen with rescued cow at the Animal Pound located on Sayyaji Rao Road this morning.

Mysuru, May 23 (RKB&VNS)- Following the news published in our sister publication *'Mysooru Mithra'* the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) rescued the cow which was chained for over two years, near the Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry, this morning.

The officials said that they had served a show-cause notice to one Krishnappa, who claimed to be the cow's owner for failing to look after the animal. They added that he was asked to pay Rs. 500 every day to the Animal Pound located on Sayyaji Rao Road (near Agrahara Circle) where the cow is now being treated.

They also expressed their concerns over Krishnappa coming to get the cow released as he feared of being prosecuted and could be imprisoned for 3 years and fined up to Rs. One lakh. The officials added that the cow would be shifted to Pinjarapole if owner failed to get the cow released.

MCC Animal Husbandry Assistant Director Dr. Suresh and Veterinarian Dr. Sumanth treated the cow at the Pound. It was administered with glucose, B-complex and other required medicines.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Dr. Suresh said that the cow was around 5-6 years old and added that it would be given food supplements as it had lost the strength to even chew the food.

It is said that Krishnappa, who runs a milk dairy, had neglected the cow as it was not yielding milk. He had also chained animal using three locks to protect it from being robbed.

Man succumbs to injuries

Mysuru, May 23- Ramesh (25), a resident of Kalihundi village in Nanjangud taluk, who was grievously injured in a mishap yesterday, succumbed as the treatment did not yield result.

The Police said that Ramesh was travelling in a Tata Ace (KA-11 B-0558) goods vehicle towards Gundlupet to Nanjangud when the vehicle toppled near Tagaluru Gate at around 10.30 am as the vehicle driver Kumar lost control.

Ramesh was shifted to JSS Hospital where he succumbed at around 3.30 pm. Begur PSI Kiran Kumar, who registered the case, shifted Ramesh's body to MMC&RI for post-mortem after which it was handed over to his relatives.

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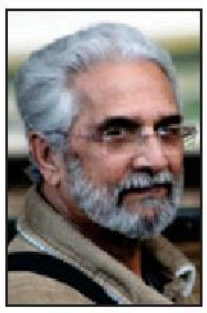

By Ragoo Rao

The humble and adorable little birds, chirping and flitting around in our compounds and courtyards, the **House Sparrow** is a confirmed hanger on to man ever since humans started depending on agriculture and created settlements. These birds have even been mentioned in most of our mythologies and folklores, along with the common crow, eagles and other such birds, which used to exist in close proximity to human dwellings.

Grandmothers of yesteryears had plenty of Sparrow Folk-tales *(Gubakkana kathegalu in Kannada)*, and all children would gather around them to hear the stories. It was once a very common, respected and much loved bird all over the country whether it was a bustling urban area or a small hamlet.

In South India, people even considered it a good omen if the House Sparrow built a nest inside their houses under the rafters, ventilators, behind wall-hung photo-frames, pendulum clocks hung on the wall, or even a niche in the wall, littering the whole place with grass blades brought for nesting, their droppings and grain husks after feeding, but nobody ever considered them a pest. Some rural people even deliberately made cavity-like holes in the walls with a small protruding cornice, for the birds to land and then enter the nest.

In some regions of Karnataka, after a paddy harvest, the paddy grain stalks were artistically woven and hung in the verandahs of farmhouses for the sparrows to feed on. Such was the bond between man and sparrow that it came to be classified as a domestic species and hence the name *Passerdomesticus*. This bird was taken for granted.

Then over time, the inevitable started happening — Change in human life-styles, homes were modified according to modern needs, our yards were redone, either cemented or laid with tiles. Gardens were re-laid with exotic plants, exotic lawns, gradually and steadily changing the scenario from a native setting to a more fashionable and impressive home-gardens. The native shrubs and plants gave way to more exotic and colourful plants. While unnoticed and untracked, the presence of these birds started getting rarer.

I being a birds and animals behaviour studier, this dwindling number of sparrows in our area made me curious to know why. Information was exchanged between Ethnologists and Birders from all over the country. Surprisingly, the sparrows were found to be dwindling in numbers all over the urban areas.

This led to a simultaneous study by interested birders from all over. The sparrows were being observed and studied to know the causes for their dwindling numbers. Many birders were interacting and exchanging information. As the observations and studies were intensified and causes tried to be understood, things were getting clearer and clearer by the day. Here let me stick to Mysuru, my area of study and interest in my hometown.

I have closely observed the domestic sparrow ever since their number started declining in our urban area. This was the year 1988. I had found a lot of trees with close foliage like Pomegranate, Amla, English Tamarind *(bettada hunasay)*, plenty of native shrubs, with small branches in our area being filled with flocks of the birds creating a din with their constant chirping and setting up their roosting order.

Once it was dark, they would all settle down peacefully until the next dawn. Come dawn and the first rays of sunlight would get them going about their daily life. A lot of birds were roosting inside homes, specially the solitary males and the juveniles. Gradually, this everyday feature of the sparrow roosting in our trees and their all too familiar

chirping, became less frequent. Homes were never used for their night roosting; the nests being built inside houses were also fading away over a three-year period.

The all too familiar birds, which would fill our gardens and lawns for foraging on insects, were getting rarer and rarer. Then finally by 1992 there was not a single House Sparrow in our area.

This period is what puzzled me. It even became a topic during socialisation. Some would ask, where did the sparrows go? While some had their own diagnosis of the problem. They were as varied as outlandish. Some attributed the mobile phone sound waves to be the reason while others said it was the radiation from outer space. Some said the bird-sellers were trapping and dyeing them with colour and selling them to foreigners as colourful Indian birds — this was true as many people have seen colour-dyed house sparrows being sold in cages.

In the course of my every day visit to plantations and farms, passing through a lot of small and big villages, I could notice the sparrows in a lot of villages as chirping and flitting around as ever. This is where I started the study.

First: House Sparrows were dependent on the leftover grains thrown to them after people cleaned their grains. This habit has ceased in urban areas as everyone is getting pre-cleaned grains from the store and there was nothing to be thrown to their yards for the sparrows to feed on.

This habit of still throwing leftover cleaned grains to the sparrows continues in rural areas and in undeveloped localities inside cities. This shows a shortage of food grains in urban areas and still available food sources in the rural and undeveloped localities.

Sparrows are still in good numbers in these rural and undeveloped areas. (In Mysuru, Sparrows are living in many of the localities with tiled houses, where cattle rearing is done, paddy straw is stacked on house-tops and manure heaps inside the localities. The backstreets of the busy and bustling Ashoka Road and Irwin Road with the old tiled houses, the former village settlements like K.G. Koppal, Paduvarahalli, Vontikoppal, Hinkal and some Industrial areas like Hebbal Industrial area still have sparrows.)

Second: Now the urban scene has changed; there are no tiled houses with rafters, only concrete structures have come up; there are absolutely no places for the sparrows to build nests. Whereas in rural and undeveloped areas there are still tiled houses with bamboo rafters, intentionally made niches in walls for nesting sparrows. This suggests concluding that sparrows were deprived of nesting places in the urban developed areas, whereas they are still nesting and thriving in the undeveloped localities and villages.

Third: House Sparrows are basically *Gramivorous* — grain eating birds, they live mainly on grains but they also relish tender grass shoots, native shrub seeds and shoots and insects. They bring up the young exclusively on insects. These food sources have also been destroyed.

Until recent times home gardens were not in the habit of using chemical insecticides in their gardens. Now in urban areas all gardens are liberally sprayed with insecticides and fungicides, the short non-moving Mexican grass has replaced the native lawn grass. This grass needs a lot of support with fertilizers and plant protection sprays. These lawns do not support any insect life in them, whereas in the villages and undeveloped localities these pesticides are not rampantly used. These are the major reasons why sparrows either dwindled in numbers in some localities or moved over to friendlier areas with hutments and old buildings, which support their life. We gradually and unintentionally started destroying their habitat and food sources.

Total destruction of sparrow's habitat

Apart from these major factors contributing to the decline of sparrows in urban areas, there could be quite a few other factors also like high automobile pollution with a lot of lead being released into the atmosphere which might have had a residual effect on the eggs of sparrows making them thin shelled like it has been observed in other countries in their research on other birds.

Fortunately, some areas of Mysuru still have some flocks. Efforts are being made by conservationists and birders to take measures to keep the sparrow supported in the areas. Awareness on the needs of the sparrows is given to the residents nearby and the encouraging sign is they are all more than willing to offer the sparrows whatever they need. Water troughs, grain feeders, nest boxes are placed by some residents for the sparrows.

One family in Hebbal Industrial Area is actively and desperately trying to save and retain the surviving flock of sparrows in their neighbourhood. They offer grains, provide water-troughs, nesting place with shrubs, in their compound and yard, and fortunately the sparrows are accepting these offers and multiplying in numbers.

The family shuns all publicity and they consider it their good fortune to be of any use to conserve these loveable birds. There are quite a number of fledglings; a sign of hope and promise that next generation of sparrows are growing up.

Such small efforts may go a long way in still sighting the humble, adorable House Sparrows in Mysuru for some more time at least. Let's do our part... the rest, the sparrows will do.

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115th Malaysian Amateur Golf Championships 2017

Yashas Chandra finishes third

Yashas Chandra of Mysuru, who emerged third in the 115th Malaysian Amateur Golf Championship 2017, is seen receiving the trophy from the guest.

Malaysia, May 23- Yashas Chandra of Mysuru emerged third in the recently held 115th Malaysian Amateur Golf Championships 2017 at Nexus Golf Resort, Karambunai, Malaysia.

Sadom Kaewkanjana (Thailand) won the title in a play-off after being tied with fellow-countryman Witchayanon with a four-day score of 280. Yashas Chandra secured the second-runner-up sport with a four-day aggregate score of 285 (71+70+77+67).

In the team event, India finished fourth with Yashas Chandra and Sunit Chowrasia returning with a four-day aggregate score of 300 (77+71+82+70). Thailand, Singapore and Taiwan secured the first three places.

FINAL PLACINGS

1.	K. Sadom	(Thailand - 70+70+69+71=280)
2.	C. Witchayanon	(Thailand-71+71+69+69=280)
3.	Yashas Chandra	(India-71+70+77+67=285)
4.	Kosuke	(Thailand-72+71+74+70=287)
5.	Atiruj	(Thailand- 76+77+66+71=290)

MTC Cup AITA Men's Tennis Tournament

Prajwal Dev scores over Megh Patel

Mysuru, May 23- Mysuru lad and third-seed playing an attacking baseline game on both the flanks outsmarted the challenge put up byqualifier Megh Patel from Gujarat 6-1, 6-1 and entered the second round in the men's singles event in the MTC Cup AITA Rs. 1lakh tennis tournament at the MTC courts here yesterday.

Top-seed V.M. Ranjeet (TN), second seed Faisal Qamar (RAJ) posted easy wins over their respective rivals to sail into the second round.

THE RESULTS

1st Round: Men's Singles: V.M. Ranjeet (TN) bt Alok Aradhya (KAR) 7-5, 6-2, Sheikh Iftik Mohammad (ASM) bt Dipanshu Garg (HAR) 6-1, 7-6 (7-0), Sai Saran Byreddy (AP) bt Naesar V. Jewoor (KAR) 6-2, 6-1, Fahad Mohammed (TN) bt M. Nikit Reddy (AP) 6-3, 6-3, Ansu Kumar Buyan (Odisha) bt Ihsan Husai Mahmood (TN) 6-1, 6-3, Aksi Lohith Bathrinath (TN) bt Amit Bzad (HAR) 6-2, 6-2, Rishi Reddy (KAR) bt J. Vimal Raj (TN) 6-4, 6-3, Ishaque Eqbal (WB) bt Theyjo J. Oges (TN) 1-6, 7-5, 3-0 (retd), Vijay Kannan (TN) bt Vanshal D'souza (MAH) 6-3, 6-1, Shaik Osama (AP) bt D. Pagalavan (TN) 7-5, 6-3, Vinod Sridhar (TN) bt S. Raghavendra (KAR) 6-0, 6-3, S.D. Prajwal Dev (KAR) bt Megh Patel (GUJ) 6-1, 6-1, Chinmaya D. Chauhan (UP) bt Guhan Rajan (TN) 6-2, 6-1, V. Jeevan (TN) bt A.S. Abhishek (MAH) 6-4, 6-2, P. Apuroop P (TS) bt Vikram A. Dhananjay (TN) 6-2, 6-1, Faisal Qamar (RAJ) bt Mohit Bharadwaj (DEL) 7-5, 6-3.

IGU Eastern Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship 2017

Neeharika ends up in respectable 7th

Mysuru, May 23- Neeharika Thangamma, ended up in a respectable 7th position in Category 'B' at the IGU Eastern Ladies & Junior Girls Golf Championship-2017 held at Golmuri Golf Club, Jamshedpur recently.

Neeharika returned with a three day card aggregate of 247 and was tied in the 7th position.

In the Category A&B, she ended in the tied 15th position with Jyotsana Singh (UP) and Jasmine Sachdev (KAR).

More than 50 players from various Karnataka, Maharashtra, Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Uttarpradesh, Tamil Nadu and Haryana participated in the event.

Ashwini selected for Commonwealth Karate Championship

Mysuru, May 23- S. Ashwini, a student of Vijaya Vittala PU College has been selected for the Commonwealth Karate Championship to be held at South Africa later this year.

Ashwin participating in the 9th state level karate championship on 2nd April 2017 at Bengaluru won first prize in Individual Kata and Kumite event in the 16 to 17 years category and has been selected for World School of Games Combat Championship to be held at Delhi from July 7-15.

She also took part in the Kai National Karate Championship-2017 for sub junior, Cadet, Junior and U-21 at New Delhi during May this year and was placed 2nd in the girls' individual Kumite event in 48 kg category and was selected participate in Commonwealth Karate Championship to be held at South Africa.

The Management, Principal and staff have congratulated the Ashwini on her achievement.

NIEIT VTU honours talented sportspersons

Seen in the picture are** (from left) **Sneha V. Rao, Mandara Nagendra, D. Sahana, Samarth Nagaraj, Physical Education Director H.C. Sudina, Principal Dr. T. Ananthapadmanabha, Abhinav Kumar and Amogh.

Mysuru, May 23- NIE Institute of Technology (NIEIT) recently felicitated the talented sportspersons who had represented Viswesvaraya Technological University (VTU) in South Zone and All India Inter-University Championships held during 2016-17 academic year.

The students who were honoured include, Samarth Nagaraj (Lawn Tennis) 8th Semester Mechanical Engineering, took part in the South Zone Inter-University Championship held at Savitha University, Chennai Mandara Nagendra (Softball), 8th Semester, Information Science Engineering; Sneha V. Rao (Softball), 6 Semester Information Science Engineering, D. Sahana (Softball), 6th Semester Information Science Engineering and Achuthananda (Softball), 6th Semester Mechanical Engineering, participated at the All India Inter University held at Kannur University, Kerala; Abhinav Kumar, 4th Semester, Electricals and Eletronics Engineering participated at the All India Inter University Cross Country Race organised by Mangalore University and Amogh, 4th Semester, Mechanical Engineering represented South Zone Inter-University Football Tournament held at Calicut University, Kerala.

Mysore District Open Rapid Chess Tournament begins

Mysuru, May 23- Mysore District Open Rapid Chess Tournament organised by the Mysore District Chess Association (MDCA) began today at the University Lions Hall premises here this morning.

The tournament was inaugurated by N. Sudharshan, President, MDCA, by moving the pawns in the chess board. Around 120 players are taking part in the tournament. Trophies will be presented for the first three winners in the boys U-15, U-12 & U-9 sections and for the first two places in the girls U-15, U-12 & U-9 sections.

K.R. Shivarame Gowda, Hon. Secretary, MDCA and other office-bearers of the MDCA were present on the occasion.

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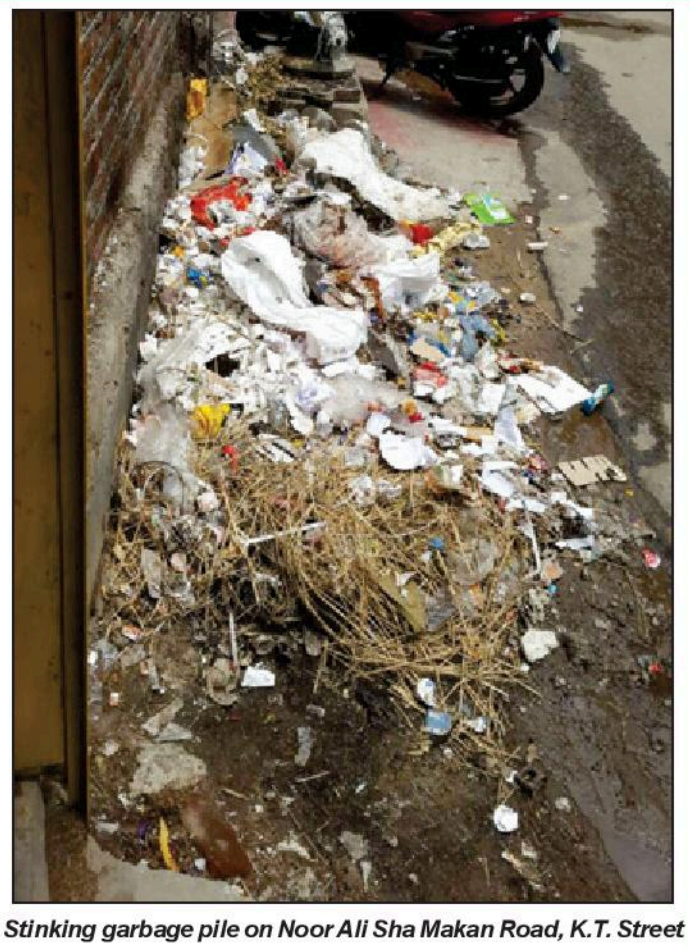
Blocked drains — A problem at Gayatripuram

Blocked drains on the 6th Cross in Gayatripuram 1st Stage near the Masjid is causing a lot of problems to the residents as water has become stagnant resulting in foul smell emanating from the blocked drains besides increase in mosquitoes in the surroundings. This is causing a lot of problems especially to the senior citizens and kids who are being infected through mosquito bites. Residents said that the problem persists since about 18 months and though several complaints were lodged, no action has been taken till now. Authorities concerned are urged to take steps and get the drains cleared as monsoon has begun and the problem may escalate if not attended immediately.

Plea to clear garbage pile on Noor Ali Sha Makan Road



Stinking garbage pile on Noor Ali Sha Makan Road, K.T. Street near Surya Lodge, is causing a lot of inconvenience to the public, residents and shopkeepers, who are forced to inhale the foul smell emanating from the garbage pile which is not cleared since four days. Authorities concerned are urged to get the garbage pile cleared at the earliest.

Workshop on 'Jan Aushadhi Kendra' held in city

Former Minister S.A. Ramdas (third from left) is seen inaugurating a workshop on 'Jan Aushadhi Kendra' at Nataraja Kalyana Mantap in city recently as others look on.

Mysuru, May 23 (MTY&KS)- In a view to provide information on 'Jan Aushadhi Kendra' and its working structure, a workshop for centre owners was inaugurated by former Minister S.A. Ramdas at Nataraja Kalyana Mantap here recently.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that the facility should reach people of all classes and called upon everyone to make use of the facility, which would provide quality medicines at affordable prices.

He said that the facility, which was launched in 2008, had 99 centres covering 200 medicines till 2015 and added that at the end of March, 2017, there were 800 centres covering 1,000 medicines.

He said that 12.4 lakh people had taken medicine facility in the six centres in Victoria Hospital, Kidwai Hospital, Hubballi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Hassan with a turnover of Rs. 58.04 crore with people availing about Rs. 36 crore discount benefits.

Ramdas said that six districts have received approval letters to build 160 centres till now and added that approval letters were distributed to the beneficiaries at Kyathamaranahalli here recently to establish the centres.

Centre owners from Kodagu, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga and Mandya districts participated in the workshop.

Bureau of Pharma PSUs of India (BPPI) Officers Parashuram Kenchareddy, Bhavana Kaira and Vijay Gosal, Drug Regulatory Officers Nagaraj and Dr. Anila Deepak Shetty and others were present during the inauguration.

Faculty Development Programme

Dental Education Unit inaugurated

Participants of Faculty Development Workshop held at JSS Dental College & Hospital, JSS University, recently, are seen with Dr. Anil Kumar Gujjari, Principal, Dr. B.S. Sunila, Convener, DEU, JSSDCH, Dr. Prashanth Vishwanth, Convener, CCLPE and Dr. M.R. Dakshaini, Vice-Principal.

Mysuru, May 23- The Dental Education Unit (DEU), Centre for Continuous Learning for Professional Excellence (CCLPE), was inaugurated at JSS Dental College & Hospital, JSS University, recently. Also, a Faculty Development Workshop was held on the occasion. Dr. B. Manjunatha, Registrar, JSS University, was the chief guest. Dr. Prashanth Vishwanth, Convener, CCLPE, was the guest of honour. Dr. Anil Kumar Gujjari, Principal, Dr. M.R. Dakshaini, Vice-Principal and Dr. Sunila B. Sangappa, Convener-DEU, JSSDCH, were present.

Dr. Manjunatha expressed the need, "to unlearn to learn" to become competent educators. The dignitaries also opined of having DEU at every dental institution, as a platform for nurturing teaching skills for health professionals.

DEU web page at JSS University online providing details of the roles, activities and plan ahead for the benefit of the audience was also launched.

Dr. Anil Kumar mentioned that the aim of this CCLPE unit is to keep the faculty updated with the newer technologies and educational innovations followed globally for better understanding of the subject by the students and guide them towards success.

This programme was followed with the workshop titled "Fundamental of Dental Education Technologies" for the faculty participants of JSSDCH. Resource personnel Dr. Sunila B. Sangappa, Associate Professor, Department of Prosthodontics & Crown and Bridge, JSSDCH and Dr. Praveen Kulkarni, Assistant Professor, Department of Community Medicine, JSSMC, facilitated the topics on Group dynamics, Adult learning principles, Goals-objectives-competencies and interactive methods in teaching learning and assessment.

Active and enthusiastic participation of the faculty across full-day workshop was highly appreciated.

Dr. M. Manthappa, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, JSSMC, during the valedictory, congratulated the efforts of DEU, JSSDCH, for this initiative and emphasised that it is important for every faculty to revive their teaching and learning skills.

Musical Evening at Ganapathy Ashrama

Vidushi Sangeeta Katti is seen presenting a Hindustani Vocal Concert at Nada Mantapa in Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama premises on Ooty Road in city last evening as part of the ongoing Diamond Jubilee and 75th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and 19th anniversary of Nada Mantapa. Picture right shows a section of the devotees at the venue. Today at 6 pm, Ustad Amjad Ali Khan will present a Hindustani Sarod Concert.

ASI celebrates Museum Day

Prof. P.K. Misra

Mysuru, May 23 - The Zonal Anthropological Museum, Southern Regional Centre of Anthropological Survey of India (ASI), had organised International Museum Day celebrations in the Museum premises in Bogadi here recently.

The Museum had invited students and Museum professionals and general public collaborating with Schools, Associations and other Museums for the celebrations.

Delivering a special lecture titled *"Museums and Contested Histories"* to mark the day, Anthropologist and President of Anthropological Association Prof. P.K. Misra said, "The knowledge that all human beings have a common origin irrespective of their sizes, colours, shapes, languages they speak, religion they profess and cultures is extremely important in the world striven with contested identities."

Stressing on the importance of visiting a museum that allows one to understand the self better, he said, "What is displayed in a museum is a product of sustained and systematic research, and analysis of what nature has preserved for us and what human beings left in their habitats (nature preserved museums) and preserved by human beings (human being made museums). These researches establish that though human beings are a part of nature, they still have some distinctive traits."

A special event called "Expression of Culture" was held on the same day especially for the school and college students. The invited 75 students took part in the surprising event (as it was not announced earlier) by drawing the material culture displayed in the Anthropological Museum.

Museum professional from Regional Museum of Natural History (RMNH) Dr. Indresh, Scentist-in-charge, Dr. S. Verma (Scientist - B), O. P. Naik and others were present at the celebrations.

Dr. C. R. Sathyanarayanan, Deputy Director and Head of Office, Anthropological Survey of India, Southern Regional Centre, Mysore, welcomed.

About 50 students from Gangothri PU College, Mysuru, participated in the programme, according to a release from Nilanjan Khatua, Officer-in-charge, Zonal Anthropological Museum, ASI, Mysuru.

Kumbhabhisheka Mahotsava

of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari

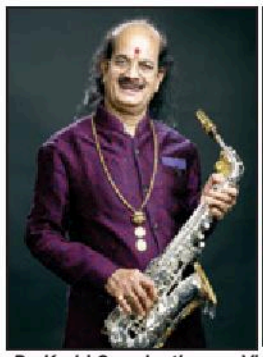
Mysuru, May 23 (BNR)- As part of Kumbhabhisheka Mahotsava of Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari, following programmes have been organised at Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple premises in Vijayanagar 1st Stage here from May 25 to 27:

May 25 (9 am): Abhisheka and Laksharchane to Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari; Lalitha Sahasranama Parayana by Mahila Sanghas; **6 pm to 7 pm:** Inauguration of cultural programmes and blessings by Prof. Bhasyam Swamiji; Devaranama by Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Sahasranama Mandali, Mysuru; **7 pm:** Amavasye, Abhisheka and Special Puja; **7.15 pm to 10 pm:** Saxophone recital by *Kalaimamani Padmashree* **Dr. Kadri Gopalnath** and party, Chennai.

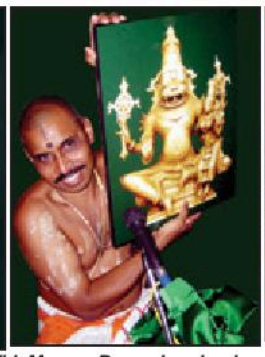
Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji

May 26 (9 am): Kumbhabhisheka, Sahasra Kalashabhisheka to Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari; Soundarya Lahari Parayana by Mahila Sanghas; **6 pm:** Dasavani by **Vid. Mysore Ramachandrachar** and party, Bengaluru.

May 27 (9 am): Kumbhabhisheka to Yoganarasimhaswamy and Srivari, Akhanda Maha Sudarshana Homa; Vishnu Sahasranama Parayana by Mahila Sanghas; **12 noon:** Poornahuthi and Anna Santharpane; **6 pm to 7 pm:** Vocal recital by **Vidu. Radha Nagaraj** and party, Mysuru; **7.15 pm to 10 pm:** Bhaktigeete by **Vid. Shashidhara Kote** and party, Bengaluru.



Dr. Kadri Gopalnath



Vid. Mysore Ramachandrachar

Vid. Shashidhara Kote

WORD OF THE DAY

Baroque

Pronunciation: buh-ROHK.

Meaning: Of relating to, or having the characteristics of a style of artistic expression prevalent especially in the 17th century that is marked generally by use of complex forms, bold ornamentation, and the juxtaposition of contrasting elements often conveying a sense of drama, movement, and tension; characterized by grotesqueness, extravagance, complexity, or flamboyance.

Examples: Though I was interested in the book's subject matter, I was put off by the baroque descriptions the author seemed to favour.

Origin: Baroque came to English from the French word barroque, meaning "irregularly shaped." At first, the word in French was used mostly to refer to pearls. Eventually, it came to describe an extravagant style of art characterized by curving lines, gilt, and gold. This type of art, which was prevalent especially in the 17th century, was sometimes considered to be excessively decorated and overly complicated. It makes sense, therefore, that the meaning of the word baroque has broadened to include anything that seems excessively ornate or elaborate.

THE ODD WORD

Autotonsorialist

Those who cut their own hair.

IDIOM OF THE DAY

Keep at bay

Meaning: Prevent, either a person or an event, from advancing nearer.

Origin: 'Keep at bay' (sometimes used as 'hold at bay') is one of those expressions that we are likely to know the meaning of because we have picked it up from colloquial use in our youth and worked out the meaning from the context it was used in. It seems plausible that 'at bay' is a nautical phrase and that the allusion is to a ship that is anchored in a bay and waiting to enter a port. As it turns out, we only need one expression in English for that circumstance and 'keep at bay' derives from a completely different place. To keep at bay meant then to be in a standoff with a baying dog that was intent on killing - a scenario which also gave us the expression 'baying for blood'. In more placid moments hounds also 'bay at the moon'. In recent times the phrase 'keep at bay' has taken on the more general meaning of 'fend off'. The earliest example of the modern 'keep at bay' (as opposed to 'at a bay') and which doesn't refer directly to hunting with dogs is from The Derby Mercury, February 1759, in a report of England's war with France: We have seen the French kept at bay for the whole campaign, and they are gone into their winter quarters.

QUOTE BOX

Breathe. Let go. And remind yourself that this very moment is the only one you know you have for sure. **—Oprah Winfrey**

RIDDLE THIS

What does the rebus mean?

Answer: Half Hearted.

SUDOKU

		5				3	6	9
1		7						
			4	8				
		3	8			4	2	
		8		5		7		
	7	6			1	5		
				7	6			
						9		5
8	5	2				6		

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	4	9	3	1	6	8	5
6	9	1	5	8	7	2	4	3
3	5	8	6	4	2	7	9	1
4	2	6	3	1	5	9	7	8
8	3	7	4	9	6	1	5	2
5	1	9	2	7	8	3	6	4
9	8	3	1	6	4	5	2	7
1	4	5	7	2	9	8	3	6
7	6	2	8	5	3	4	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Move through the air
4 Religious denomination
8 Prohibit or disallow
11 Water in France
12 To __ __ human and forgive divine? (3,2)
14 Suffix denoting native or inhabitant
15 Admiral, abbr.
16 ____ hold of : grasp or seize?
17 ___ alone : don't disturb, in a way?
18 Respond to a stimulus?
20 Marked with writing fluid?
22 As fresh __ _ lily? (2,1)
24 Sixteen for Caesar
25 Most primitive type of boat?
28 A negative vote
30 ___ one's hair : display one's hairline?
34 Watch, observe, or inquire secretly
35 Internet addresses
36 "Ali" turning into a girl?
37 Fur of a small stoatlike animal
39 Make a choice; choose
40 Moving at a low speed
41 Sea-eagle variant
43 Cause annoyance
45 Wail or bemoan
48 As old as : really ancient, in a way?
52 Take part in a race
53 Mediterranean island
57 An East Indian shrub
58 Painting, sculpture, etc.?
59 Mrs. Anupam Kher?
60 Required Time of Arrival
61 Patent Trademark Off.
62 Pull or lug with hand
63 A small cask or barrel

DOWN

1 Anxiety or dread
2 Put on cargo
3 Arizona city
4 Groups united by a specific doctrine or under a leader
5 Long and historical period of time
6 Cathode Ray Tube
7 Facial twitch
8 Defraud or cheat
9 It fits to _ ___ : it fits perfectly? (1,3)
10 In short, no more on active duty?
13 Ex-Opening batsman __ Sundar Das
19 Domestic mewer?
21 Catch or squeeze between two surfaces?
23 Negatively charged ion
24 Porticos or roofed areas where ancient Greek athletes trained
25 Regimental sergeant-major, in short
26 Air Pollution Index
27 Danish island
29 Third party program for a smartphone
31 ___ for one and one for ___... motto of The Three Musketeers? (same word)
32 SA river ___ Grande
33 A large marble used for shooting in the game of marbles
38 In short, Kentucky?
40 Snow runner
42 Care about, heed
44 European river
45 ___ up : finish off the matter?
46 Harm by changing "Ruth"
47 See ____ : investigate
49 As happy as a ____?
50 Not on time
51 Vitrified cinders
54 An islet, poetically speaking?
55 Public Relations Officer, in short
56 Stem the ___ : prevent further damage?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	P	C		S	A	M	E		B	L	A	B
F	L	U		U	S	E	D		R	A	R	A
M	E	R		N	I	N	E		E	Y	E	R
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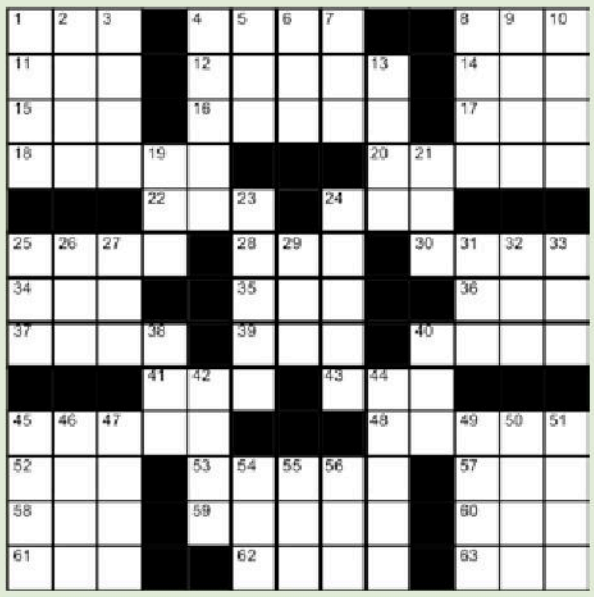

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

GYXAX'N L PZUUXAXIBX MXGRXXI L CYZDQNQCYS LIP

L MWTCXA NGZBOXA - BYLADXN T NBYWDF

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS E

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The great thing about human language is that it prevents us from sticking to the matter at hand.

NOW SHOWING

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
KANNADA			
Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya			
	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Maasthi Gudi	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Raajakumara	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Karali	Olympia	2420737	2 Shows
Shavada Munde	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
Kirik Party	Mahadeshwara	9900820093	4 Shows
Chakravarthy	Sri Maruthi	9980351129	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Baahubali 2	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
HINDI			
Baahubali 2	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
Half Girlfriend	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Love Hunters	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Sangili Bungili Kadhava Thorae			
	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

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Half Girlfriend (H)	(S-1)	10.50 am, 1.25 pm, 9.50 pm
	(S-2)	7.15 pm; (S-3) 1.15 pm
Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya (K)		
	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.40 am, 1.20 pm
Sangili Bungili Kadhava Thorae (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Hindi Medium (H)	(S-2)	4.20 pm; (S-3) 9.55 pm
Keshava (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-3)	3.55 pm
Baahubali (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm; (S-2) 10.20 am
	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Baahubali (Te)	(S-4)	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
		6.45 pm, 9.55 pm

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Bangara S/o Bangarada Manushya (K)		
	(S-3)	10.15 am, 1.05 pm, 6.40 pm
	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Baahubali (Te)	(S-1)	10.15 am, 3.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Baahubali (H)	(S-2)	12.35 pm, 6.35 pm
Half Girlfriend (H)	(S-1)	1.15 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 am
	(S-4)	4.15 pm, 9.50 pm
Hindi Medium (H)	(S-3)	3.55 pm, 9.30 pm
Raajakumara (K)	(S-4)	10.45 am
Keshava (Te)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Sangili Bungili Kadhava Thorae (Ta)		
	(S-4)	7.00 pm

Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

AIR ON WEDNESDAY

6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.45 Bhavageete, 6.50 Sponsored Prog., 8.30 Radio Doctor, 8.35 Sponsored Prog., 10.00 Hindustani Classical Music, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 12.00 noon Chukki Chinna, 12.30 Mahila Ranga, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.30 pm Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Chinnara Chukki, 4.00 Film Songs, 4.30 Folk Songs, 5.00 Gaana, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Yuvavani, 9.30 Vocal Recital, 10.00 Savinenapu.

TV TONIGHT

7:00 pm Sethji	7:00 pm Saathiya	5:30 pm Kapil Sharma Show
7:30 Aisi Deewangi...	7:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein	7:00 Yeh Moh Ke Dhaage
8:00 Zindagi Ki Mahek	8:00 PardesMeinHaiMeraDil	7:30 Peshwa Bajirao
8:30 Piya Albela	8:30 Chandra Nandni	8:00 Mahabali Hanumaan
9:00 Kumkum Bhagya	9:00 Naamkarann	8:30 Jaat Ki Jugni
9:30 Ek Tha Raja Ek Thi Rani	9:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai	9:00 Beyhadh
10:00 Woh Apna Sa	10:00 Ishqbaaaz	9:30 Kuch Rang Pyar Ke Aise Bhi
5:00 pm Food Factory	6:00 pm Inside RCB	6:00 pm Science of Stupid
6:00 Man Vs. Wild	7:00 Who Are Your Champions 2017	6:30 Do Or Die
7:00 You Have Been Warned	8:00 Game Plan	7:00 Africa's Hunters
7:30 Untamed & Uncut	8:30 Best Of ICC Champions Trophy	8:00 You Can't Lick Your Elbow
8:00 River Monsters	9:00 History of Champions Trophy	8:30 Science of Stupid
9:00 Man Vs. Wild	10:00 Pro Kabaddi Auction 2017 H/ls	9:00 India's Mega Kitchens
10:00 Man Vs. Wild : Pacific Island	10:30 BWF Sudirman Cup 2017 H/ls	10:00 Man hunt
11:00 Naked and Afraid		11:00 Do Or Die : A Leopard's Last
6:00 pm Larva	6:00 pm Keladi Kanmani	6:30 pm Jo Jo Laali
6:30 Roll No. 21	6:30 Ganga	7:00 Sarayoo
7:00 Kris aur Inky Pinky	7:30 Kula Deivam	7:30 Avalu
8:30 Roll No. 21	8:00 Deiva Magal	8:00 Aramane
9:00 Teen Titans Go	8:30 Vamsam	8:30 Nandini
9:30 Larva	9:00 Nandini	9:00 Jeevanadhi
10:00 Ben 10	9:30 Vani Rani	9:30 Movie

MOVIES TONIGHT

4:05 pm **The Incredibles**	5:00 pm **Zookeeper**	5:48 pm **Spy Kids**
6:40 **X-Men Origins**	6:58 **Step Up**	7:33 **Blue Lagoon**
9:00 **Fantastic Four**	9:00 **The Italian Job**	9:00 **Flash Point**
10:59 **Tom Yum Goong**	11:10 **The Terminator**	10:38 **The Hangover**
6:21 pm **The Return of Lion**	6:03 pm **Kasam Hindustan Ki**	3:00 pm **Movie**
8:55 **Meri Jung**	9:00 **Bruce Lee**	6:00 **Movie**
11:49 **Meri Himmat**	11:48 **Hindustani Yodha**	9:00 **Movie**
4:24 pm **Johnny English**	4:00 pm **Hendathige Helbedi**	4:34 pm **Fighterman**
6:05 **Fast & Furious**	7:00 **Ekadantha**	**Saleem**
8:23 **The Mummy**	10:00 **Nyaya Gedithu**	7:00 **The Real Jackpot**
10:59 **The Mask of Zorro**		10:04 **Ek Ziddi**

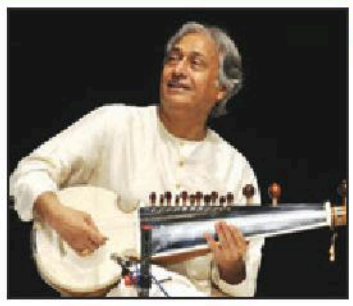
EVENTS TODAY (MAY 23)

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre (SRC): Display of 'Jal Bhag,' a Buddhist mask from Leh, Jammu and Kashmir, IGRMS premises, Irwin Road, **up to 6 pm.**

JSS College of Physiotherapy: Graduation Day, **Yenepoya University VC Dr. M. Vijaya Kumar** delivers Graduation Day address, MMC&RI Dean & Director Dr. B. Krishnamurthy and Clinical Therapist K Hariohm chief guests, JSS Medical Education Director R. Mahesh presides, Sri Rajendra Centenary auditorium, JSS Hospital premises, **5 pm.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharat' by Pt. Sri Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha: Diamond Jubilee and 75th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and 19th anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Hindustani Sarod Concert by



Ustad Amjad Ali Khan, Nada Mantapa, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama premises, Ooty Road, Dattanagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 24)

Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), Southern Regional Centre (SRC): Display of 'Jal Bhag,' a Buddhist mask from Leh, Jammu and Kashmir, IGRMS premises, Irwin Road, **9.30 am to 6 pm.**

Sri Avadhoota Datta Peetha: Diamond Jubilee and 75th birthday celebrations of Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji and 19th anniversary of Nada Mantapa, Hindustani Sarod Concert by **Vid. Mysore Manjunath on Violin and Pt. Ronu Majumdar** on flute, **6 pm.**

Vid. Manjunath

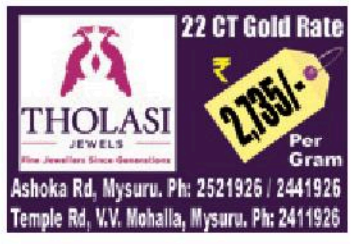
Pt. Ronu Majumdar

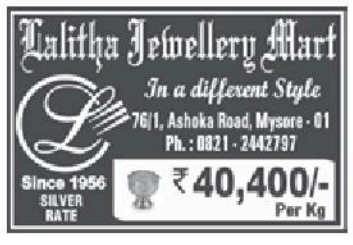
Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering: Farewell-2017 for the final year students of UG & PG programmes, Prof. H. Sharath Chandra, Director, Centre for Human Genetics Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, chief guest, VVS President Gundappa Gowda presides, Sahukar Channaiah auditorium, VVCE, Gokulam 3rd Stage, **10.45 am.**

Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram: Discourse on 'Mahabharat' by Pt. Sri Vijayendrachar, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

Mysore Varsity bags NSS State Award

The University of Mysore (UoM) has been honoured with the prestigious State NSS Award as Best University and Best Programme Co-ordinator for the year 2015-16. Dr. K. Kalachannegowda, former Programme Co-ordinator - NSS, UoM, is seen receiving the 'Best Programme Co-ordinator Award' from CM Siddharamaiah at a function held at Banquet Hall of Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on May 16. The 'Best University Award' was received by Prof. Dayanand Mane, Vice-Chancellor (in-Charge), UoM. Madhu Singh and Bhanupriya, NSS Volunteers of Maharaja College and Nataraja Women's College, were awarded as 'Best NSS Volunteers' on the occasion.





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